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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREED MINUTES SINGED LATE FRIDAY BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY AND DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER MANZHULO:

QTE: AGREED MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE US-USSR
WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICAN AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO
FACILITATE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
DATED JUNE 29, 1974.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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PURSUANT TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION ON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE III OF THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR TO FACILITATE THE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION DATED JUNE 29, 1974 (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE AGREEMENT), THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING ROUP OF EXPERTS WAS HELD IN MOSCOW FROM 12 TO 14 FEBRUARY 1975. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE AGREEMENT, THE WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND FORECASTS OF BASIC ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS.

THE US DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY G.L. PARSKY, ASSISTNAT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. THE USSR DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY A.N. MANZHULO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. LISTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE ATTACHED AS APPENDIX I.

II. AGENDA

THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING, PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON, AGENDA FOR THEIR FIRST MEETING:

1. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.
2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND FORECASTS OF THE BASIC ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS IN ORDER TO ASSIST RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS, ENTERPRISES AND FIRMS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN DETERMINING THE FIELD OF COOPERATION MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONTRACTS.
3. OTHER MATTERS.

III. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA ITEMS

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION IN WHOSE COUNTRY THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS TAKE PLACE WILL PRESIDE. THEREFORE MR. A.N. MANZHULO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION CHAIRED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, WHEN-
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EVER POSSIBLE, THAT DELEGATONS TO SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP BE HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR A DEPUTY MINISTER AND THAT THE RANK OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE RESPECITVE DELEGATIONS WOULD BE AT A COMPARABLE LEVEL.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT TO ASSIST RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS, ENTERPRISES AND FIRMS OF

BOTH COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE THE FIELDS OF COOPERATION MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CONTRACTS, THE WORKING GROUP NOTED ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT AND CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND FORECASTS OF BASIC ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE WORKING GROUP NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEGUN AT THE FIRST MEETING. BOTH SIDES MADE PRESENTATIONS ON THE PERFORMANCE AND PROSPECTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIES, INDUSTRIES, AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN TRADE, AND ON THE DATA SOURCES USED TO MEASURE AND ANALYZE THESE TRENDS AND FORECASTS. THE DISCUSSION WAS CONDUCTED WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING AREAS FOR POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AFTER PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT THE GROWTH OF THEIR INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND TRADE POTENTIAL OPENS UP PROSPECTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, COOPERATION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS, ENTERPRISES AND FIRMS OF THE US AND THE USSR.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIET SIDE STRESSED THAT THE REALIZATION OF SUCH PROSPECTS WOULD DEPEND TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE ON NORMALIZATION BY THE US OF TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE WORKING GROUP AGREED TO INCLUDE AT EACH MEETING PRESENTATIONS BY EACH SIDE ON THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, INDUSTRIAL TRENDS AND FOREIGN TRADE, AND TO EXCHANGE, PRIOR TO THESE MEETINGS, BACKGROUND DATA AND INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THESE PRESENTATIONS.

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BOTH SIDES ALSO AGREED TO CONSIDER TO UNDERTAKE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC AREAS UNDER WHICH EXCHANGES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

A SPECIFIC PROGRAM WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR EXCHANGES DURING THE NEXT YEAR:

1. EXCHANGE OF TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS SUCH AS US AND USSR MARKET RESEARCH TEAMS;
2. EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND FOREIGN TRADE DATA INCLUDING INFORMATION ON GENERAL ECONOMIC FORECASTS, PRODUCTION, AND OTHER DATA, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THESE

DATA ARE COMILED AND DISSEMINATED;

3. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
FOR POTENTIAL US-USSR COOPERATION;

4. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PROCEDURAL AND
LEGAL MATTERS INCLUDING INFORMATION ON MECHANISMS AND PRO-
CEDURES TO FACILITATE SPECIFIC TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERA-
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IT WAS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT SUBGROUPS COULD BE
ESTABLISHED AS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND THAT THE WORKING GROUP WOULD ALSO
CONVENE PERIODIC SEMINARS, EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS, JOINT
CONSULTATIONS AND PANELS, AND UNDERTAKE JOINT STUDIES OF
RELEVANCE TO LONG-TERM COOPERATION. THE SOVIET SIDE
NOTED THESE PROPOSALS WITH INTEREST AND STATED THAT IS
WILL CONSIDER THEM. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO A MEETING OF

US-USSR MARKET RESEARCH TEAMS IN MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 17 TO 19.

THE WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT THE LEADERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD REPORT ON THE RESULTS AND THE PROPOSALS DEALT WITH AT ITS FIRST MEETING TO THE FORTHCOMING FIFTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION IN APRIL 1975 TOGETHER WITH THEIR SUGGESTIONS ON THE TIME OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE GROUP AND THE PROCEDURE OF ITS FURTHER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PARTIES WOULD USE THE INFORMATION EXCHANGED.
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WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS	WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS

APPENDIX I

LIST OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR OF JUNE 29, 1974.

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WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS UNDER THE LONG TERM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR OF JUNE 29, 1974

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